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REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Sir:

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for a period of THREE MONTHS to respond to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003. This request is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The period for response has expired on July 24, 2003 and is accordingly requested to be extended to October 24, 2003.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 in connection with this petition to Deposit Account No. 05-1068.

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